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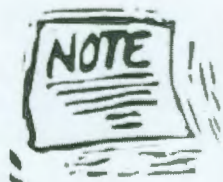
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Notes from the Office

Welcome back to PLS!

We have had a wonderful start to the new school year. It has been exciting and busy, all at the same time. We have been learned about fossils, and city safety; we have learned about Willy Wonka and the importance of community; we have built structures and spent the night in the library; but most of all, we have learned about the 1st Amendment and liberty!

First Amendment School



The middle school advisory assembly; one of the many activities taking place at PLS that supports the guiding principles

for First Amendment Schools.

Yes, as many of you know, we have been selected as a 1st Amendment school. This prestigious national selection has given PLS a focus and direction that is helping make our school the finest school it can be. Our students are not only learning what the 1st Amendment states:

Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances.

But they are also putting these rights into practice. It has been exciting to hear students speaking their minds on issues, but also understanding the responsibility that is placed on them because of these rights. Price Lab School is definitely a great school environment.

Fall Conferences

As we gear up for the autumn and the changing of the seasons we want to remind everyone of fall conferences.

- Elementary conferences will be November 21 and 22
- Middle School conferences will be November 1 and 2
- High School conferences will be November 1

Please make plans to attend these important school events. It is the best way for parents and teachers to stay in communication with each other.

It is going to be a great year. We want to thank all the parents and students who have volunteered their time to help get us off to a great start!

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Meal Account Announcement

Parents - Please make sure to check your child's meal account balance on PowerSchool. If you do not have your PowerSchool ID and password, please call the school office. Thank you.

PTP Fundraisers

The new site for donating to the PTP fundraisers is located down stairs, at the bottom of the stairwell as you are going to the cafeteria.

Homecoming 2005 - Let's Get it Started



Homecoming Court

Front row (l-r): Clair Williams, Joy Hanson, Mackenzie Carlisle, Megan Miller, Vanessa Hershberger, Andreea Dragoi (Romania), Maria Arapova (Russia), Francisca Gil (Chile). Back row (l-r): Andy Page, Ras Smith, Jimmie Hunter, Bernd Meyer (Germany), Morgan Cawley, Alex Stone, Louis Liu (China). Clair Williams and Jimmie Hunter were crowned NU High Homecoming King and Queen.

Homecoming Week

Schedule of Events:

Monday - Dress Up Day, Homecoming Assembly - 2pm

Tuesday - Hall Decorations - 7-9pm, Hat Day

Wednesday - Farmer Day

Thursday - Pajama Day, Variety Show, 7:30 pm, Coronation, 9pm

Friday - Spirit Day, Homecoming Game Vs. Tripoli - 6pm, Homecoming Dance

The NU High Football team celebrated a 35-21 victory over Tripoli in the September 16 homecoming game.
(See Football Season article.)

Ahera Announcement

FEBRUARY 2000

To the Faculty, Staff, Employees and Parents of Students Attending the Malcolm Price Laboratory School:

This is the annual update of the Malcolm Price Laboratory School's compliance with the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA). The Malcolm Price Laboratory School's Asbestos Management Plan establishes minimum guidelines and procedures for the safe management of building materials containing asbestos. The Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) requires annual notification regarding asbestos containing material at Malcolm Price Laboratory School.

Your awareness of the safe management of asbestos containing material can include a review of the Asbestos Management Plan available at Malcolm Price Laboratory School, Room 116 or at the Physical Plant Building, Room 10 from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

The University will encapsulate or remove known asbestos containing material utilizing qualified and certified asbestos abatement personnel. An asbestos containing material survey completed in 1988 identifies areas known to contain asbestos material and is available for review. Asbestos hazard warnings are posted at the entrance to areas known to contain asbestos and access is restricted to authorized personnel.

Areas known to contain an asbestos hazard are periodically monitored and inspected for damage and deterioration and are repaired if necessary. If you would like more information regarding the AHERA program, please contact Mr. Darrell Hansen, Designated Person for the Asbestos Management Plan, at 273-4400-

ASBESTOS NOTIFICATION FEBRUARY, 2000

Football Season - Off to a Great Start.

The 2005 football team is off to a great start! The team started out a little slow with losses to Postville and West Central, but has "turned it on" as of late with a thrilling 35-21 victory over Tripoli in the September 16 homecoming game. The win in the dome was NU High's first home football win since 1999. The win also marked the school's first homecoming win since 1998. The celebration could be seen and heard all throughout the dome. The players, coaches, students, families, and fans all came together and sang the school's fight song at the end of the game. It was great to see such enthusiasm and school spirit. We hope to continue the winning tradition through the year and hope that all of you fans can join us as we try and turn the corner and start a new tradition here at NU HIGH....A WINNING TRADITION!

GO PANTHERS!!!!

Kody Asmus, Football Coach
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Cross Country Successes





This cross country season has been a huge success so far. We have set personal records at each meet, we have shown great leadership, we have been working really hard, and, most of all, we are having a great time! We have some great cross country meets coming up in October. On the 11th we will be at home, and on the 15th we will be at Reinbeck for our conference meet. These meets will be followed by Districts on Thursday, October 20th (hopefully to be held at Dike). We hope that everyone gets a chance to come and see us run!

Nikki Hudnutt, Cross Country Coach

French Exchange

Plans are being made for this year's exchange to Paris, France, taking place from March 8 through March 22. NUHS French III and French IV students are invited to participate. Students will stay with host families in a suburb of Paris, attend a French high school, and take three day-long excursions to Western France, Southern France, and Switzerland. French teacher Elizabeth Zwanziger will be organizing the exchange and chaperoning the group.

Elizabeth Zwanziger, French Instructor
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Chilean Exchange

There will be a group of 5 young men from our sister school in Arica, Chile taking part in the exchange this fall. They will arrive in Iowa Sunday, September 25, and will spend about three weeks in Cedar Falls, attending school for 10 - 12 days and taking part in excursions and day visits on other days.

I am asking our faculty to again consider offering some special classes or projects for these students while they are here. In the past we have had great response from the faculty in providing opportunities for the students from Russia and France, while this will be the first time that the Chilean students have this chance.

Mary Doyle, Spanish Instructor
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Music Department

First Amendment Schools Project: "Reading Circles"

The entire high school music department will be participating in a project related to our First Amendment Schools focus, and also in conjunction with our focus on the music of America and its history. Caroline Kennedy has compiled a wonderful anthology entitled "A Patriot's Handbook". It is a collection of short essays, poems, song lyrics, photos, artwork, speeches, by a veritable "Who's Who" of American greats not only in music and the arts but history and government. We are going to require reading and discussion from our students, and then reflective writing. Students will participate in two "Reading Circles" per quarter, led by volunteer adults from the PLS/UNI community or the Cedar Falls/Waterloo metro area. The reading circles, which will be grouped by the high school leadership, will meet during lunch periods. We are planning to require three readings each time - two designated by us, the music faculty, with a third reading of the student's choice. The moderators will be given starting questions regarding the chosen readings, and after that it will be whatever direction the discussion leads. Students will write and hand in their reflections in the days following. We would like to ask for your help as a volunteer to serve as a Reading Circle Moderator.

We will provide you with a copy of the book with plenty of lead time, along with the designated two articles

and set of accompanying questions. There will be a music officer in each reading circle who will be there to take attendance and keep track of who is participating. Your "job" would be to just have a brown bag lunch and talk with a group of great students about the topics of the day for about 25 minutes.

You may be able to volunteer only one time, or may want to come back again. We just want you to be involved! We value your presence and your voice in this project. Please contact one of the ensemble directors, Mr. Johnson, Ms. Meier, or Dr. Sharp, if you would be willing to serve as a Reading Circle Moderator.

Opus and All State Music Auditions

Opus is the 5-9th Grade Honor Choir held in conjunction with the Iowa High School All State Music Festival in Ames every year.

Taped auditions were sent in by the postmark deadline of Sept. 20. Students should hear in approximately three weeks if they are accepted to the Opus 2005 Honor Choir for their age group. Submitting audition tapes this year from PLS/NU were:

5-6th Grade Opus:

Margaret Creeden

Jaren Bergman

7-8th Grade Opus:

Karen Engels

Joni Griffith

Rachel Hanson

Meagan Schneider

9th Grade Opus

Bailey Carlisle

Ellie Tallakson

Paul Mauer

Congratulations to these students for reaching that first goal!

Twenty NU High students will participate in state-wide auditions on Saturday, October 22 for spots in the 2005 All State Band, Orchestra, and Choir. NU will compete at Hampton-Dumont. Participating from NU are:



Front row (l-r): Clair Williams, Elizabeth Brumm, Mackenzie Carlisle, Joannie Anderson, Amy Woods. Back Row: Abhay Nadipuram, Edward Basom, Jamie Akers, Ras Smith, Joel Brumm, Corey Holmes. Not pictured: Patrick Schneider, Michael Cornett, Michaela Gansen, Vanessa Hershberger, Amy Kischer- Browne, Chondraah Holmes, Shannon McKenna, Kaylee Williams, and Jay Miller.

Tuba: Patrick Schneider
Trumpet: Michael Cornett
Violin: Michaela Gansen

Vocal:
Soprano
Joni Anderson
Vanessa Hershberger
Amy Kischer-Browne
Clair Williams
Amy Woods

Alto
Elizabeth Brumm
MacKenzie Carlisle
Chondraah Holmes
Shannon McKenna
Kaylee Williams

Tenor
Jamie Akers
Joel Brumm

Baritone:
Ed Basom
Corey Holmes
Jay Miller
Abhay Nadipuram
Ras Tafari Smith

Best wishes to these students in their final preparations and on All State Day!

High School Music Dept. Chili Cookoff and CONCERT!

Friday, October 14 the NU High Band, Orchestra, and Choir students will host a Chili Supper at 5:30 p.m. followed by a concert in the auditorium at 7:00. You are invited to enter a pot of chili in the Chili Cookoff! Categories are: Hottest, Best Meatless Chili, Most Unusual, and Best Iowa Chili. Appropriate prizes will be awarded in each category, but the overall Best Of Show Chili Cookoff Winner will win the Grand Prize – your choice of a band, orchestra, or choral ensemble to entertain for an event at your home over the holidays, with the students in the ensemble helping you to cook, serve, cleanup, whatever you wish. Entertainment during the evening will be continuous, with small instrumental and vocal ensembles performing in the lunchroom and in the lobby. Admission to the Chili Supper is \$5. There is no admission charge to the concert. More information about the Chili Cookoff is available on the Music Department Website or by contacting one of the band, choir, or orchestra officers.

Student Leadership - Music Department

The elected leadership in the High School Band, Orchestra, and Choir participated in a one-day workshop under a 4-H Leadership grant on Tuesday, August 16. The students were led by presenter Cathy Upham through several exercises designed to enhance student communication and problem-solving skills. The students began the day with the least challenging activities and ended with one that was one that combined all the components discussed during the day, but it turned out to be the one the students solved the most quickly.

Student leadership this year in the NUHS Music Dept. is as follows:

Choir
President Abhay Nadipuram
President-Elect Chondraah Holmes

VP for Membership Mackenzie Carlisle
VP for Logistics Ras Tafari Smith
VP for Social Affairs Clair Williams
VP for Publicity Vanessa Hershberger
Secretary Shannon McKenna
Treasurer Joy Hanson
Librarians Elizabeth Brumm, Emma Piehl
Ensemble Liason Amanda Koch
Freshman Repr. Leandra Gute

Section Leaders

Bass Ras Tafari Smith
Tenor Joel Brumm
Alto Mackenzie Carlisle
Soprano II Allyse Fairbanks
Soprano I Vanessa Hershberger

Band

President Andrew Page
Vice President Ras Tafari Smith
Secretary/Treasurer Drew Stonewall
Section Leaders
Flute: Mandy Rector
Clarinet: Andrew Martin
Double Reed: Morgan Cawley
Saxophone: Ras Smith
Trumpet: Ben Davidson
Horn: Abhay Nadipuram
Trombone: Drew Stonewall
Euphonium: Andy Tallakson
Tuba: Ed Basom
Percussion: Alex Stone

Orchestra

President Michaela Gansen
Vice President Kenton Engels
Treasurer Joy Hanson
Secretary Sean Spencer
Freshman Rep Nicole Lopez-Perez

Best wishes for a great year!

Fall Theater/ Musical Production: Singin' in the Rain!

The NUHS Music and Theater Departments are pleased to announce the fall musical production, "Singin' in the Rain". Production dates are November 4 and 5, 2005, at 7:30 p.m. in Butzier Auditorium. This classic show was made into a movie musical in 1952 starring Gene Kelly, Debbie Reynolds, and Donald O'Connor, and is one of the most-loved and celebrated film musicals of all time from MGM. The show is set in 1927. It humorously satirizes and parodies the panic surrounding the transitional period in Hollywood from silent movies to "talkies" as the sound revolution swept through. The film's screenplay, suggested by the song Singin' in the Rain that was written by Freed and Brown, was scripted by Betty Comden and Adolph Green (who also wrote On the Town (1949)). The story is about a dashing, smug but romantic silent film star and swashbuckling matinee idol (Don Lockwood) and his glamorous blonde screen partner/diva (Lina Lamont) who are expected, by studio execs, to pretend to be romantically involved with each other. They are also pressured by the studio boss R.F. Simpson (Millard Mitchell) to change their silent romantic drama (The Duelling Cavalier) and make their first sound picture, renamed as the musical The Dancing Cavalier. There's one serious problem, however - Lina has a voice only meant for silent films. The star's ex-song-and-dance partner (Cosmo) proposes to turn the doomed film into a musical, and suggests that Don's aspiring actress and ingenue dancer-girlfriend (Kathy Selden) dub in her singing voice behind the scenes for lip-synching Lina. The results of their scheming to expose the jealous Lina and put Kathy in a revealing limelight provide

the film's expected happy resolution.

The musical will be directed by Jolene Tagtow and Linda Sharp, and the pit orchestra will be conducted by Pamela Meier. The cast is working with two UNI student dance choreographers, Alexa Warwick and Sara Pethoud. The cast and crews are as follows:

Singin' in the Rain



(Left to Right): Alison Hardy, Abhay Nadipuram, Elizabeth Brumm, Kenton Engels.

Cast List

Don Lockwood: Abhay Nadipuram
Lina Lamont: Alison Hardy
Kathy Selden: Elizabeth Brumm
Cosmo Brown: Kenton Engels
Zelda Zanders: Vanessa Hershberger
R. F. Simpson: Andy Tallakson
Roscoe Dexter: Ben Davidson
Rod: Dylan Klenske
Dora Bailey: Brittany Juntenen
Olga Mara: Joannie Anderson
Mary Margaret: Amanda Koch
Miss Dinsmore: Joannie Anderson
Sid Phillips: Corey Holmes
Don's Diction Teacher: Ellie Tallakson
Wardrobe Mistress: Clair Williams
Hairdresser: Joy Hansen
Butler & Production Tenor: Joel Brumm
Policeman: Ben Streever
1st Assistant: Libby Schultz
2nd Assistant: Ras Smith
3rd Assistant: Andrew Mallon
Lady-in-Waiting: Shannon McKenna

Featured Dancers

Ellie Tallakson Clair Williams Amy Kischer-Browne
Alex Weichers Vanessa Hershberger Libby Schultz
Bailey Carlisle Amanda Koch Amy Woods
Brittany Juntenen Shannon Mc Kenna
Joy Hanson Kaylee Williams Leandra Gute
Mandy Rector Karen Engels Maddie Backstrom
Wrenna Walsh Ana Tallakson

Chorus (Some speaking roles to be determined)

Amy Woods Vanessa Hershberger Amy Kischer-Browne
Leandra Gute Amanda Koch Clair Williams
Ellie Tallakson Joannie Anderson Kaylee Williams
Shannon McKenna Brittany Juntenen Alex Weichers
Mandy Rector Bailey Carlisle Wrenna Walsh
Libby Schultz Joy Hanson
Sarah Bumpus Laurie Reimer Ana Tallakson
Karen Engels Maddie Backstrom Taryn Moyer
Joel Brumm Ras Smith Andrew Mallon
Dylan Klenske Ben Streever Corey Holmes

Washington D.C. Trip

The NUHS Music Dept. is planning an interdisciplinary travel and performance trip to Washington D.C. May 26- June 1, 2006. We are very excited at the opportunity for the students both musically and in terms of the learning opportunities they will have this year in their classrooms and in Washington D.C. Shorts' Travel will be handling the arrangements for the group. They will host a parent meeting as soon as we can secure a calendar date. We will videotape the meeting so you can see the entire meeting if you are unable to attend. They will put up a website with information and you will be able to make payments to Shorts directly with a credit card along the way.

We have planned all along for this to be a multidisciplinary learning experience for the students. We hope to involve Government and Social Studies, First Amendment Studies (the F.A. Center is in Washington), art and architecture, and of course the study of music and music history. There will be shared experiences, such as time with the whole group at the Holocaust Museum and the war memorials. We also hope to have "learning units" available for them to choose from on different days, with prearranged opportunities for students to go with an instructor to visit such places as the Supreme Court, art museums, or the First Amendment Center.

In addition, Short's submitted our audition CD's made with our new recording equipment over the summer to various sites in Washington. Each ensemble director gave Short's some venues we thought would be great performance places for the ensembles. The choir was notified in July of their acceptance to sing a half-hour prelude before the 11:00 a.m. service at Washington National Cathedral on Sunday, May 28, 2006. On that Tuesday, the band will perform in the afternoon at The Old Post Office Pavilion, a beautiful historical site. Information on these two historic sites is available on the Music Dept. website at <http://sharp.pls.iowapages.org/id6.html>

The orchestra venue has not yet been announced. The orchestra is still being considered for a performance spot in the one of Washington's finest venues.

The students will have many different experiences this year in preparation for the trip. There will be a human rights unit. Our first large project is "Reading Circles", and the attached page will tell you more about that project. We invite any parents, faculty, staff, or PLS friends who are willing to volunteer to lead a reading circle once or more often if you like. It will be a guided experience, and the conversations that are possible in this setting with the students promise to be a great experience.

The trip is not a requirement – and all students will study the same curriculum this year whether they choose to go or not go. We think this could be a life changing experience for students with the preparation, the study, the work involved to get there, and the final performances and learning taking place on site in Washington.

For more information contact one of the ensemble directors or check the Music Department website.

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Pamela Meier, Orchestra, pamela.meier@uni.edu

Music Department Calendar





October

9-10 - UNI Vocal Arts Festival - Concert Oct. 10, 7:00 GBPAC

14 - HS Music Soup Supper, 5:30 p.m. - HS Music Concert, 7:30 p.m.

18 - Middle School 6-8 Grade Concert, 7:00 p.m.

22 - All State Music Auditions - Band Orchestra & Choir all day Hampton-Dumont HS

27 - HS Orchestra GBPAC - 6:30 Prelude for Nordic Camerata

November

4-5 - Musical Performances, 7:30 p.m.

12 - AFPLS Banquet Various ensembles

14 - Winter Activities Kickoff

15 - NICL Instrumental Festival Concert 7:00 Hudson HS

17 -19 All State Music Festival Ames Iowa ISU

17 - Opus Music Festival Ames Iowa ISU

Senior Lounge: A Study in First Amendment Rights



~ By Abhay Nadipuram and Dr. Jody Stone, Senior Class Sponsor

The First Amendment Project is starting to pump on all cylinders, as the class of 2006 has already taken advantage of their new rights. This week, the senior class will officially opened up the brand new Senior Lounge in what used to be the old Print Service room at PLS. With close cooperation from Principal Smith, the seniors have developed an area where they can go do homework, surf the net, or just hang out.

The students' original idea was for a commons-type area at NU High. One reason was because the halls were getting too noisy and crowded over lunch. After much talk with the administration, the idea of a Senior-Only Lounge sounded like the best plan.

An important part of the plan was that the seniors had to develop a list of rights and responsibilities for the room. This came with the help of the First Amendment Project. In a recent class meeting, seniors brainstormed a list of the rights they believed they had regarding a senior lounge. Some of their ideas included the right to have a studious environment, the right to play and listen to music, and the right to have food and drinks inside the lounge. "We wanted it to be a place to just hang out and chill," said senior Morgan Cawley. Of course along with these rights, come responsibilities. Heated discussions were shared about responsibilities centering around noise, clean-up, following school rules within the lounge, and the purpose of the lounge.

Teachers chipped in as well. Class sponsor, Dr. Stone, assembled a group of seniors to paint and clean up the room. Some of the students even managed to tear down a large bookshelf that was covering half of the windows on the west wall. The school donated a few lounge chairs, one family donated a refrigerator, and

others are expected to donate other furniture as well. An orange bulletin board dominates one of the walls. While senior teachers have visions of posting important academic reminders to seniors on the bulletin board, there will still be room for senior-generated ideas as well.

Senior Andrew Martin says, "It's a good idea to have a lounge like this. Even though it's just for seniors, our class is laying down a foundation of things to come at NU High, and for future classes to build off of, as well by using the First Amendment Project." Needless to say, debate will continue as we learn to balance our rights and responsibilities.

Also this week, the first meeting for the new student advisory group, The Principal's Cabinet, took place. The Principal's Cabinet is a sounding board for the administration. Principal Smith will be the student advisor for this group, and will put the main focus on decision making, and problem solving. The Principal's Cabinet is made up of 2 members of each high school grade; however there will be two extra senior members for only this year. There were several people who applied, but only 8 were selected. Principal Smith is very excited about this new group, and knows it will be a great building block for the First Amendment Program. The students have already brought issues to the table, and are working hard to solve them in the best way possible.

October Links

Crafts and Activities

Kids Stuff – October <http://www.kinderart.com/seasons/oct.shtml>

This is a very comprehensive list of all possible October related themes, with links to guides for many related activities. It does have some banner ads in the interface, but the quality of the information more than makes up for that.

Eduplace – Monthly Themes: October <http://www.eduplace.com/monthlytheme/>

This page has links to activities and Internet resources for October-related themes. It has a very clean layout with no advertisements, and even includes links for help with opening PDF files.

Recipes

Radio Weblog – October Recipes <http://www.dltk-holidays.com/fall/index.html>

This page has a clean, straightforward layout with simple directions for somewhat fancy recipes for the season.

UNI-Dome Home – Event Calendar <http://www.vpaf.uni.edu/unidome/home/calendar.asp>

The UNI-Dome's online Event Calendar is fair comprehensive and searchable. They include listings for NU High Football home games and other events that are held there,

Gallagher-Bluedorn Performing Arts Center <http://www.uni.edu/gbpac>

The GBPAC's home page offers a listing of upcoming events, and also a link to a calendar for the entire 2004-2005 season. Also worthwhile are the links to events specifically for kids, such as the Kaleidoscope series.

PLS Master Calendar

Last, but not least, we have the ever-useful master calendar. All the events for the student body are listed here, and you can look at events in future months in an easy-to-read calendar format. A summary from this calendar for the next five days or so will usually be on the main PLS home page, <http://www.pls.uni.edu>.

To submit an article for the online newsletter, please email the information and link to lynn.dykstra@uni.edu

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